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Via Federal Express

January 13, 2003

Susan D. Coe. Examiner

Attn: Group 1600, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Reception United States Patent and Trademark Office

Crystal Mall 1

1911 South Clark St.

Arlington, VA 22202

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/021,970 entitled "Compositions Containing

Beta-Glucan and Lactoferrin and Their Use"

Our Ref.: 13479.0002.CPUS01

Dear Ms. Coe:

Enclosed is a graphic prepared by our client explaining the non-obviousness of the claimed compositions.

Please call me when you have had a chance to review the graphic. I intend to file a response to the October 21, 2002 Office Action by January 21, 2003, and would like it to place the claims in the best possible condition.

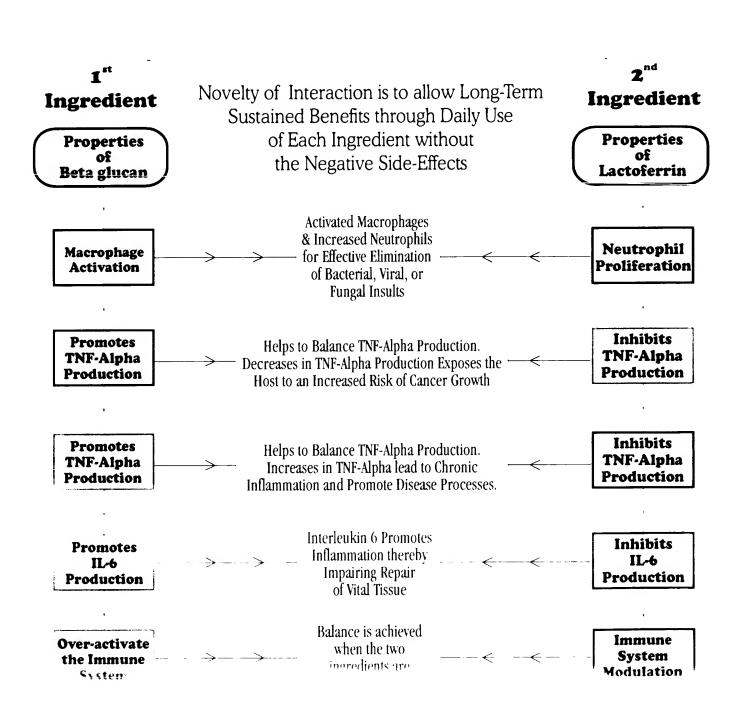
Very truly yours.

Christopher J. Buntel, Ph.D.

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## Synergistic Effect of Compositions Comprising Beta glucan & Lactoferrin

The Instant Invention Promotes the Efficacy of each Ingredient and Mitigates the Detriments



Legend Dositive Benefit

Negative Side-Effect